

REMARKS

The present communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed April 9, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of the term for response to said Official Action, to and including October 9, 2003, is transmitted herewith.

The Examiner's indication the numerous claims are allowed is noted with appreciation.

The only remaining objection or rejection is the § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27 and 29. By the present amendment, claim 5 has been amended to recite "HF, another acid and a fluoride salt." As explained at, e.g., paragraph 0017 of the specification as filed, whenever fluoride ions and an acid other than HF in the electrolyte, there will be HF present. Claim 5 more clearly specifies that the electrolyte also contains another acid, as well as HF. Of course, as now amended, claim 5 does not imply that the HF was incorporated in the electrolyte by addition as HF *per se*; claim 5 does not specify whether the HF present was added as HF or was formed in the electrolyte from the other acid and the salt. Indeed, in the preferred embodiment, HF is not added *per se*.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected on the basis of the phrase "preselected locations." The phrase "preselected location" merely referred to a location which was selected before the pits were formed, as opposed to simply allowing the pits to form at random locations. Claim 12 has now been clarified to recite such prior selection step. In a preferred embodiment, the process of selecting the locations includes forming openings in a layer overlying the front surface of the silicon bodies as, for example, the layer of silicon oxide or silicon nitride, referred to in claim 13. The pits will be formed at the locations of the openings. The recitation of a

"preselected location" has been deleted from claims 22, 23, 27 and 29, as suggested by the Examiner.

It is, thus, believed the rejections under § 112, second paragraph, have been overcome and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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